

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 10, 11 and 13-16 are pending in the current application, with claim 8 having been cancelled by this Amendment. Claims 1-7, 10, 11, and 13-16 currently stand rejected, and claims 1 and 16 have been amended. Claim 8 is objected to, and, per a discussion with the Examiner on 9/12/08, contains allowable subject matter. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the current rejections is earnestly solicited in light of the preceding amendments and following remarks.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-7, 10, 11 and 13-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by US Pat 7,200,541 to Kropaczek et al. ("Kropaczek"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the reasons detailed below.

With regard to claim 1, Applicants note that the claim has been amended to capture the allowable subject matter of claim 8, which recites subject matter not found in Kropaczek. Specifically, Kropaczek does not generate the template of claim 1 or deal with the reinsert fuel bundle type categories therein.

Because Kropaczek fails to disclose or suggest each and every element of claim 1 as amended, Kropaczek cannot anticipate or render obvious claim 1. Claim 16 as amended is equally allowable for reciting at least the unique element of claim 1 discussed above. Claims 2-7, 10, 11, and 13-15 are allowable at least for depending from an allowable base claim. Withdrawal of

the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) to claims 1-7, 10, 11, and 13-16 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of claims 1-7, 10, 11 and 13-16 in connection with the present application are earnestly solicited.

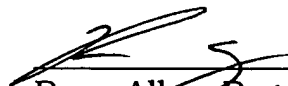
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Ryan Alley at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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